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WARRIORS HOST NATIONAL CHAMPION TORONTO BLUES FOR HEIDELBERG CHALLENGE CUP

The Loyola Hockey Warriors will host the National Collegiate Champions, University of Toronto Varsity Blues, on Friday evening, December 14th, at 8p.m. at the Loyola rink.

These two outstanding college squads will be battling for the Heidelberg Challenge Cup, awarded annually to the winner of this inter-provincial rivalry. Last year, the first time the Cup was up for competition, the Varsity Blues captured the hard-fought contest by the score of 4-2. Playing before a packed house at Loyola, the then rookie-laden Warriors hemmed in the Toronto team in the latter part of the game but failed to capitalize on several scoring opportunities.

Loyola head coach Paul Arsenault feels that this year's squad, with a 12-3-2 overall record to date, is much more mature and capable of upsetting the favored Blues. The Warriors are presently rated fourth in Canadian intercollegiate ranks while the Varsity Blues, National Champions six out of the last seven years, are ranked number one. Both squads are undefeated in league play thus far this season.

The Warriors just returned home from a two game road stint against U.S. power St. Louis University Billikens. Although dropping both contests (5-4 and 7-5) Coach Arsenault was pleased with the Warriors efforts. Both games were hard-hitting contests in which the Warriors proved stronger physically, however untimely penalties caused by U.S. - Canadian rule differences forced the Warriors to play shorthanded a great deal of the time. Arsenault had special words of praise for the play of rookie Randy Mohns, Glen Surbey, Bob Legarde and Mike Culleton over the weekend.

Coach Tom Watt of the Varsity Blues will be counting heavily on wingers Gord Davies (All-Canadian 1972-73) and Kent Ruhnke, centres Ivan McFarlane and Don Pagnutti, and defensemen Warren Anderson and Albie Shamess.

WARRIORS LEADING SCORERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>PTS.</u>
Randy Mohns (C)	17	14	11	25
Glen Surbey (D)	16	9	15	24
Don Morris (LW)	16	15	8	23
Mike Culleton (C)	15	8	14	22
Jim Houston (D)	16	7	9	16

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